



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Nebraska State Patrol announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

William D. Hahn, 31, of Grand Island, Nebraska, was sentenced in United States District Court for receiving child pornography. The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon sentenced Hahn to 60 months in prison. After his release from prison Hahn will serve a ten year term of supervised release.

On May 23, 2009, the Nebraska State Patrol was conducting an undercover operation looking for individuals trading child pornography. A connection was made to Hahn's computer where officers observed that Hahn had 62 files of child pornography he was offering to share. On October 27, 2010, a search warrant was executed at Hahn's residence and his computer was seized. Forensic analysis of the computer revealed 150 videos and 600 images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

Name of Defendant: William Hahn

AKA:

Age: 31

City of residence: Grand Island, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is

presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Receipt and distribution of child pornography, 5-20 years imprisonment, up to a \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, 5 years up to life of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Grand Island, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Grand Island, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On and before the 23rd day of May, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: March 17, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: February 18, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: March 17, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty on June 9, 2010

Sentencing Date: December 22, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released on bond under pretrial supervision

In Continuous Custody Since: N/A

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon

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